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1. FOLLOWING IS LAST PARAGRAPH OF EDITORIAL OF MAURITIAN
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QTE: MAURITIUS OCCUPIES A CENTRAL POSITION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. IT
WOULD BE AN EARNEST OF SIR SEEWOOSAGUR'S OPPOSITION TO GREAT POWER
RIVALRY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN IF HE AND THE GOVERNMENT WERE, THROUGH TH
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US OR THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL COUNTRIES, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USA AND
USSR TO A HIGH-POWERED CONFERENCE -- TO BE HELD IN MAURITIUS -- ON TH
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. POLITICALLY

AND DIPLOMATICALLY, SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD SURELY HAVE A TREMENDOUS
IMPACT; AND THE INCIDENTAL SPIN-OFF, TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ECONOMY
AND FUTURE TOURIST TRADE, WOULD ALSO BE SUBSTANTIVE (SIC).
MAURITIUS COULD PUT HERSELF ON THE MAP, AS WELL AS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY BY REDUCING AN AREA OF
TENSION. UNQTE

2. EDITORIAL SIGNED BY PETER IBBOTSON, BRITISH SUBJECT WHO
WRITES FOR SEVERAL MAURITIAN PAPERS FROM LONDON. UK HIGH
COMMISSIONER BRIND HAS REMARKED TO ME THAT HE WAS "UN-
IMPRESSED BY IBBOTSON WHEN LATTER LAST VISITED HERE IN
MARCH. IBBOTSON MAY BE MERELY CATERING TO MAURITIAN
YEN FOR THE TOURIST BUCK. ON THE OTHER HAND SOME MAURITIAN
POLITICIANS, WITH OR WITHOUT ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ELSEWHERE,
MAY NOW FEEL THEY CAN MAKE SOME HAY BY REMINDING EVERYONE
THEY ARE IN CENTER OF INDIAN OCEAN.
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